

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A method for treating post-surgical pain in an individual comprising administering to the individual an effective amount of an antagonist of nerve growth factor (NGF), whereby the post-surgical pain in the individual is treated, and wherein the NGF antagonist is other than TrkA immunoadhesin.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the post-surgical pain comprises resting pain, and wherein the resting pain is ~~suppressed or~~ ameliorated.

Claim 3 (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the post-surgical pain comprises mechanically-induced pain, and wherein the mechanically-induced pain is ~~suppressed or~~ ameliorated.

Claim 4 (original) The method of claim 1, further wherein the NGF antagonist is other than an anti-NGF antibody.

Claim 5 (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the NGF antagonist is a kinase inhibitor capable of inhibiting downstream kinase signaling associated with NGF receptor activity.

Claim 6 (original) The method of claim 5, wherein the kinase inhibitor is K252a.

Claim 7 (withdrawn) A kit for treating post-surgical pain comprising an NGF antagonist, and instructions for using the NGF antagonist to treat post-surgical pain, wherein the NGF antagonist is other than trkA immunoadhesin.

Claim 8 (withdrawn) The kit of claim 7, further wherein the NGF antagonist is other than an anti-NGF antibody.

Claim 9 (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the post-surgical pain comprises resting pain and mechanically-induced pain, and wherein the resting pain and mechanically-induced pain are ameliorated.

Claim 10 (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the post-surgical pain comprises thermally-induced pain, and wherein the thermally-induced pain is ameliorated.

Claim 11 (new) The method of claim 1, wherein the post-surgical pain comprises resting pain, mechanically-induced pain, and thermally-induced pain, and wherein the resting pain, mechanically-induced pain, and thermally-induced pain are ameliorated.

Claim 12 (new) The method of claim 1, wherein wound healing is not significantly inhibited.